fied, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the case that it was necessary to refer the petition to the Committee of Privileges of Rajya Sabha and I referred the petition to the Committee of Privileges on May 11, 1989, for making a preliminary inquiry and submitting a report to me.

The Committee of Privileges submitted its report to me on July 10, 1989.

On receipt of this report I forwarded a copy thereof to Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and gave him an opportunity to appear before me on July 24, 1989, to represent his case and to be heard in person but he did not appear on the scheduled date and time.

Taking into account the statements of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in the two communications dated March 10 and May 6, 1989, and the report of the Committee of Privileges and in accordance with the provisions of article 102 (2) read with the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India, I hereby decide and declare by this order as follows:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me under article 102 (2) read with paragraph 6 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India, I, Shanker Dayal Sharma, Chairman, Rajya Sabha, hereby decide that Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, an elected Member of the Rajya Sabha from the State of Jammu & Kashmir, by voluntarily giving up his membership of Congress (I) his original political party, has become subject to disqualification for being a Member of the Rajya Sabha in terms of paragraph 2(1) (a) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Accordingly, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed has ceased to be a Member of the Rajya Sabha with immediate effect.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): We congratulate Mr. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed on his courage of conviction... (*Interruptions*)...

MR CHAIRMAN: Now we will take up Papers to be laid on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Punjab Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh and related papers.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies (Department of Food).

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): Sir, I lay on the Table--

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (11) of section 31 of the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962, read with sub-clause (iii) of clause (c) of the Proclamation dated the 11th May, 1987, issued by the President in relation to the State of Punjab:—

(i) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh, for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8096/89 for (i) and (ii)]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies (Department of Food), Notification G.S.R. No. 600(E), dated the 8th June, 1989, publishing the Sugar (Price Determination for 1988-89 Production) Amendment Order, 1989, under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8062/89]

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.]